

Corporation Ltd. (HFC) and Fertilizer Corporation of India Ltd. (FCI), the clearance to the Indo-Oman Fertilizer Project was for a number of reasons including an assured supply of urea at a fixed price based on low cost preferred feedstock (natural gas) for a long term of 15 years.

Unrest in IPCL

1400. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is unrest in the IPCL, Nagothane; and
- (b) if so, what are the reasons?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI RAMESH BAIS): (a) and (b) The Unions of non-supervisory employees of Maharashtra Gas Cracker Complex of Indian Petrochemicals Corporation Limited at Nagothane had given a notice for one day token strike primarily against all forms of privatisation and disinvestment. The one day token strike took place on 12.7.2000. The management handled the operations with the help of supervisory employees and there was no production loss. Apart from this, there is nothing to indicate unrest in the Nagothane Complex.

Revival of IDPL

1401. SHRI K.M. KHAN: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government have appointed some committees to study the feasibility to revive IDPL;
- (b) if so, the dates of appointment of each Committee and expenditure incurred on each Committee;
- (c) what are the reports of each Committee;
- (d) what action Government have taken on each report; and
- (e) whether it is a fact that Government are contemplating to sell IDPL on the basis of the recommendations of BIFR.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI RAMESH BAIS): (a) to

(c) In February, 1999, Dr. L.K.-Behl, a former Chairman and Managing Director of IDPL was appointed for conducting a study at a cost not exceeding Rs. 5.10 lakhs. It was found that the Action Plan for the revival of IDPL submitted by Dr. Behl was not practicable and would not lead to the revival of the Company.

In February, 2000, a Two-Member Committee consisting of a member from the industry and a senior officer of the Government was constituted to examine the various facets of IDPL for ascertaining a methodology for its revival. The constitution of the Committee did not envisage payment of any fees. The Report of the Committee has been received only last week. The future of the Company, including revival, would be determined by the proceedings and the final decision of the BIFR.

Demand and Production of UREA

1402. SHRI RAJNATH SINGH 'SURYA': Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

- (a) what has been the demand and production of Urea during the last five years;
- (b) how the demand-supply situation is being taken care of;
- (c) whether there is any proposal to close down infrastructures for its production; and
- (d) how Government propose to meet the gap and to ensure supply of Urea to all parts of the country, particularly to NE region, J&K etc.?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI RAMESH BAIS): (a) The demand in terms of consumption and production of urea in last five years has been as under:

(Lakh MTs)

Year	Consumption	Production
1995-96	179.09	158.20